

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The VTS 501 also includes an NFS 519 that provides network routing, such as initiating Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) ~~TCAP (Transaction Capability Protocol)~~ and IS-41 location queries. The NFS 519 knows where calls need to be routed and handles the protocols and directs conversions necessary to provide that routing. The VTS 501 also includes an SMS 521 that provides operation, administration, and provisioning of all the components that are part of the VTS 501. For higher reliability, a backup NFS and/or SMS may be added to the VTS 501. The different components or servers of the VTS 501 communicate with each other via a packet transport network 523, although these devices may communicate on a separate network.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Narrowband protocols used by and/or supported by the VTS 501 include SS7 ISUP (GR246, GR317, and GR394), Primary Rate Interface (PRI), and TCAP, among others. Broadband protocols used by and/or supported by the VTS 501 include ATM UNI 3.1/4.0. Other protocols used by and/or supported by the VTS 501 include Internet Protocol Device Control (IPDC), IPDC+, Media Gateway Control Protocol (MGCP), H.248, ISUP+, and bearer independent call control (BICC) ~~[[BICC]]~~. The VTS 501 may be made compatible and comply with numerous communications standards, including GR246, GR317, GR394, ANSI T1.113, and T1S1.6 LNP.